

What is claimed is:

1. A reclosable package comprising:
first and second panels having opposed top and bottom ends, opposed lateral sides joined together by side seals, said first and said second panels comprising
5 upper shroud portions and lower sidewall portions cooperating to form an interior cavity of said reclosable package;
first and second interlocking fastener tracks carried on said first and said second panels, respectively, so as to be spaced from their top ends; and
a continuous score line formed in each of said first and said second
10 panels to separate the shroud portions from the sidewall portions of said first and said second panels, said score lines extending adjacent said lateral seals at a point above said fastener tracks, downwardly across said fastener tracks and alongside said fastener tracks, so that with rupture of said score lines said shroud portions are removed, exposing said slider and said fastener tracks.
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2. The package of claim 1 further comprising a slider movable along said fastener tracks for locking and unlocking said fastener tracks.
3. The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines extend below said
20 fastener tracks.
4. The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines extending above said fastener tracks.
5. The package of claim 1 further comprising end stops formed in said
25 fastener tracks adjacent said side seals.
6. The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines extend across said side seals.
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7. The package of claim 1 further comprising cutouts in said side seals communicating with said score lines.

8. The package of claim 1 further comprising slits in said side seals communicating with said score lines.

5 9. The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines are continuously curved.

10 10. The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines comprise straight line segments.

10 11. The package of claim 1 wherein, with said shroud portions removed, portions of said first and said second panels cover end parts of said slider and said fastener tracks adjacent said side seals.

15 12. The package of claim 1 further comprising a fin seal joining upper edges of the shroud portions of said first and said second panels.

13. The package of claim 1 wherein said first and said second panels are made of plastic sheet material.

20 14. The package of claim 1 wherein said score lines comprise laser score lines.

25 15. A reclosable package comprising:
first and second panels having opposed top and bottom ends, opposed lateral sides joined together by side seals, said first and said second panels comprising upper shroud portions and lower sidewall portions cooperating to form an interior cavity of said reclosable package;

first and second interlocking fastener tracks carried on said first and said second panels, respectively, so as to be spaced from their top ends;

30 a slider movable along said fastener tracks for locking and unlocking said fastener tracks;

end stops formed in said fastener tracks adjacent said side seals;

a continuous laser score line formed in each of said first and said second panels to separate the shroud portions from the sidewall portions of said first and said second panels, said score lines extending adjacent said lateral seals at a point above said fastener tracks, downwardly across said fastener tracks after clearing said end stops and alongside said fastener tracks, so that with rupture of said score lines said shroud portions are removed, exposing said slider and said fastener tracks.

16. The package of claim 15 further comprising cutouts in said side seals communicating with said score lines.

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17. The package of claim 15 further comprising slits in said side seals communicating with said score lines.

18. The package of claim 15 wherein said score lines comprise straight line segments.

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19. The package of claim 15 wherein, with said shroud portions removed, portions of said first and said second panels cover end parts of said slider and said fastener tracks adjacent said side seals.

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